



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Our Case No. 13121US01)

In The Application Of:

Christopher Robert Eccles

Serial No. 09/830,040

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For: ENERGY GENERATION

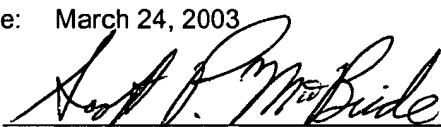
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration in light of this Amendment, the Remarks, and Appendix A (which presents the amended claim with markings to show changes made) is respectfully requested. Additionally, Applicant requests a three-month extension of time to allow for timely filing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

2. A method of releasing energy comprising the steps of providing an electrolyte having a catalyst therein, the catalyst being suitable for initiating transitions of hydrogen and/or deuterium atoms in the electrolyte to a sub-ground energy state, and generating a plasma discharge in the electrolyte, wherein the plasma discharge is generated by applying a voltage across electrodes in the electrolyte of at least about 50V.

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